(c) what action Government had taken against such, doctors who had bailed the criminal from going to jail on frivolous grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, two incidents have come to notice where two persons involved in criminal cases were brought to the Hospital for medical examination and were admitted for observation. In one case the person concerned was admitted for observation on complaint of sudden onset of breathlessness. He was discharged within 24 hours. In the other case, the person concerned was brought to the RML Hospital on 15.3.07 at 10.45 P.M. and was admitted for accelerated hypertension, asthama and fever. She was discharged on 16.3.07 at 8.00 P.M. However, in both these cases the treating doctors had admitted these persons for observation as per their medical opinion and not with a view to help them for staying out of jail. Subsequent to these episodes, guidelines have been issued in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital which *inter-alia* provide that in future no patient shall be admitted without prior approval of the judicial authority who had sent the individual for medical examination.

Appointment of specialists

2672. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether doctors with PG qualification who are performing the duties of specialists in Safdarjung and R.M.L. Hospitals are being deputed to work in CGHS dispensaries for general duty in place of the CMOs of the CGHS dispensaries deputed to these Hospitals under short-term re-orientation programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether on account of the above scheme, the treatment schedule of the patients currently undergoing treatment under the specialists in the hospitals would be disrupted;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the scheme would be reversed in the interest of the patients and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The specialists referred to in the question are appointed for providing specialist service to CGHS beneficiaries. When they visit the dispensaries, there also they are servicing CGHS beneficiaries only.

HIV/AIDS Patients

2673. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons responding as HIV/AIDS positive in different States of the country, so far;

(b) the nunber of death cases from AIDS during-the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

.(c) the efforts of Government to control the attack from HIV/AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The State-wise estimated number of HIV positive persons based on the sentinel surveillance survey 2006 data is given in the enclosed statement *(See* below).

(b) 1678; 1624; and 1786 deaths were reported by the State AIDS Control Societies in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.

(c) Phase III of the National AIDS Control Programme has been formulated to control the spread of HIV by up scaling targeted interventions among the high risk groups, behaviour change communication for improved awareness, expanding preventive care, blood safety, support and treatment of HIV infected persons including the treatment of opportunistic infections, provision, of anti-retroviral drugs and mainstreaming of HIV intervention strategies.

Statement

State-wise estimated number of HIV infections for all ages during 2006 State

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Andhra Pradesh	542,512
Karnataka	283,388
Maharashtra	501,066
Manipur	25,692
Nagaland	19390
Tamil Nadu	165,321
Goa	7,502
Gujarat	148,603
Pondicherry	3,932
Arunachal Pradesh	1,751
Assam	10,700
Bihar	73,100
Chhatisgarh	50,694
Delhi	31,169
Haryana	42,015
Himachal Pradesh	1,511

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Jammu and Kashmir	2,459
Jharkhand	18,735
Kerala	86,420
Madhya Pradesh	47,328
Meghalaya	1,857
Mizoram	5,050
Orissa	49,707
Punjab	18,556
Rajasthan	58,030
Sikkim	430
Tripura	4,752
Uttar Pradesh	124,007
Uttranchal	4,327
West Bengal	158,630
A and N Island	1,644
Chandigarh	2,819
D and NH	59
Daman and Diu	41
National Total	2,472,466

Note: The difference between National estimate and the state total is due to the aggregation error (i.e. State total is the sum of the independent estimates for each state and the national estimate is derived from the projected National prevalence).

First referral units

2674. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that beside socio-cultural and economic causes including poverty and of unawareness, our health sector has failed to provide even basic health care facilities in some parts of the country;

(b) whether Government are also aware that much promised First Referral Units (FRUs) are virtually non-existent round the clock or lacking to deal with pregnancy related issues;

(c) if so, whether there is any plan/scheme to improve the situations stated above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?